## Stated Meeting, October 21, 1859.

Present, fifteen members.

Dr. Wood, President, in the Chair.

Letters were read from the Hist. Soc. of Penna. dated Oct. 10:—from the Rhode Island Hist. Soc. dated Oct. 4:—and from the Bost. N. H. Soc. dated Oct. 6, 1859, acknowledging the receipt of the Proceedings.

The following donations for the Library were announced:—Astronomical Journal, No. 128.—From the Editor.

Monthly Not. Royal Astron. Soc. XIX. No. 9.—From R. A. Soc. Proc. Boston Nat. Hist. Soc. VII. 7, 8.—From the Society.

Journal of the Franklin Institute, No. 406.—From the Institute.

Proceedings Acad. Nat. Sci. 5–19, 1–2.—From the Academy.

African Repository, Oct. 1859. No. 10.—From the Amer. Col. Soc. Cat. Off. and Students, Harvard Univ. 1859–60.—From the Univer. Providence School Committee An. Rep. 1859.—From the Committee. Chart of Canal de Haro, &c. Washington T.—From Major Bache. Tavole . . Vecchia Moneta Tuscana, Fir. 1826.—Prof. Haldeman. Della Campagna di Roma. By Reumont, 1842.—Prof. Haldeman.

The Committee, to which was referred the paper of Prof. Haldeman, reported in favour of its being printed in the Transactions, which was ordered accordingly, and the Committee was discharged.

The decease of the distinguished naturalist, Thomas Horsfield, a member of this Society (elected Oct. 16, 1829), at London, Sept. 1859, was announced by Dr. Leidy.

The decease of John Y. Mason, representative of the United States at the Court of the Tuilleries, a member (elected April 16, 1847), at Paris, Oct. 3, 1859, was announced by Prof. Trego.

A communication was presented for the Transactions entitled: Revision of the Buprestide of the United States, by John L. Le Conte, M.D., and referred to a committee consisting of Prof. Haldeman, Dr. Ruschenberger and Dr. Leidy.

Prof. Lesley presented for publication in the Proceedings a paper, entitled, On the Insensible Gradation of Words.\*\*

Mr. Lesley brought before the notice of the members present, a measured and leveled section of the Geology and Topography

of Kentucky made across the eastern part of the State, from Greenup County to the Tennessee State line, by Jos. Lesley, Jr., Asst. under the direction of Dr. David Dale Owen, State Geologist, in the summers of 1858 and 1859;—and described its most remarkable features along the western outcrop of the eastern coal field.

Nominations Nos. 392, 393 were balloted for, and new nomination No. 394 was read.

A quorum for the enacting of laws not being present, the special business of the evening was postponed.

The ballot being scrutinised, the following persons were declared duly elected members of the Society:—

JUDGE HENRY CARLETON, of Philadelphia.

Dr. WM. A. HAMMOND, U. S. A.

And the Society was adjourned.

Stated Meeting, November 4, 1859.

Dr. Wood, President, in the Chair.

Present, sixteen members.

Letters were read from the R. A. Dijon, the R. S. Göttingen, the R. Geog. S. London, the R. S. London, the Mass. H. S. acknowledging the receipt of Proceedings Nos. 57 and 58;—from the Mass. H. S. Worcester, the P. H. S. Philada. and the State Librarian, Harrisburg, acknowledging the receipt of Transactions, Vol. XI. Part 2;—from the R. P. A. Berlin, acknowledging complete sets of Transactions and Proceedings;—from the N. H. S. Emden and R. P. A. Berlin, announcing the transmission of donations for the Library;—from the Librarian R. L. Rio de Janeiro, and M. Brockhaus, dated Leipsig, Nov. 10, 1858, informing the society of new arangements for correspondence with Brazil and South America.

A letter was read from Henry Carleton dated Philada. Oct. 24, 1859, acknowledging the receipt of notice of his election.

The following donations for the Library were announced:-

Greenwich Observations for 1857.—From the Royal Society. Lond. Teneriffe Astron. Exper. Lond. and Edin. 4to. 1859.—From R. Soc. Maxima and Minima, solved by Algebra, by Ramchundra. (200 pp.)

8vo. London, 1859.—From the same.